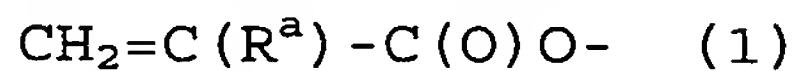


ABSTRACT

The present invention provides a curable composition comprising:

(A) a vinyl polymer (I) comprising, at the molecular terminus, at least one group represented by the general formula (1):



wherein  $\text{R}^a$  represents a hydrogen atom or a monovalent organic group having 1 to 20 carbon atoms,

(B) a polymerization initiator, and

(C) a metallic soap. The curable composition comprising a vinyl polymer has superior mold release properties without a substantial decrease in mechanical properties such as compression set.